# DECLARATION OF PHILIP JERRY BRAY

- 1. My name is Philip Jerry Bray. I am the founder and president of Safe House outreach ministry, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 450625, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. I reside at 2544 Ball Park Drive, Tucker, Georgia 30084.
- 2. I have been a resident of Atlanta for all but two of my 37 years, and I am submitting this Declaration to the Federal Communications Commission to provide it with my testimony concerning the benefits which WHSG-TV's programming service gave the community during the license term beginning on February 23, 1991 and ending at the end of February, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the "License Term").
- 3. Safe House has been in operation now for over 10 years, and is a full service street ministry. We have a 6,000 square foot facility in the center of Atlanta which: provides temporary housing to the homeless and runaways; distributes food and clothing to the needy; operates an alcohol and drug addiction treatment center and support groups; runs an urban ministry training center; and, staffs a crisis intervention center for those experiencing acute alcohol and drug problems, runaways, and new needy people in town. I am also a member of the steering committee of the Urban Ministry Group.
- 4. During the License Term the programming broadcast on WHSG-TV helped my ministry and the community in various important ways. The first is very direct. During the License Term at least 10 people, and that is a conservative estimate, came to our ministry and enrolled in alcohol or drug treatment programs because

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of programming that they related they watched on WHSG-TV. One fellow, in particular, related that the spur that got him to enter our program was a Laverne and Edith Tripp Program that he saw on WHSG-TV. I have been in this ministry for over 10 years. I was once addicted to drugs and alcohol myself. I speak to many churches and civic and other groups as part of my ministry, so I hear, literally, hundreds of stories each year from people who are sharing how they ended their bondage to drugs and alcohol. Until WHSG-TV came on the air I had never heard of someone seeking to beat their addiction problem as a result of a television program.

5. ministry WHSG-TV programming also helped mv encouraging people to get involved in their communities, and in ministry, and by giving information about ministries much like mine. My ministry, and ministries like it, received no publicity or support of any kind from any other Atlanta area television station. WHSG-TV was different. For example, in January of 1992 (January 14, 1992) Paul and Jan Crouch interviewed Pastor Phil Aguilar of Set Free Ministries in Anaheim. Pastor Aguilar operates a ministry to the drug addicted and the street people in Anaheim. Pastor Aguilar's description of his ministry, and the good it was doing, gave people in Atlanta a new appreciation for our ministry and the services we were trying to perform for the community. In response to that show there were six different people, who had supported our ministry with prayers and encouragement, but not active involvement, who personally got involved in actively helping people in our ministry.

- 6. I know of one fellow, David Van Cronkite, who had an even more radical response to Pastor Aguilar's appearance on <u>The Praise the Lord Show</u>. Until he watched the show he had been a successful businessman with a six figure income. After that show he flew Pastor Aguilar to Atlanta, learned about Pastor Aguilar's street ministry, and then started one of his own--Vine Ministry--which is doing great work helping people here in Atlanta.
- 7. During the License Term WHSG-TV programming helped our ministry simply by giving publicity to street ministries, like our own, so that people who needed ministry became aware of where they could go to have certain of their problems dealt with. As mentioned above, ministries like ours often do not receive even the notice, much less the encouragement of the television broadcast media. The support and encouragement that WHSG-TV programming, particularly Jan and Paul Crouch's support of Pastor Aguilar and other similar organizations on The Praise the Lord Show, had the effect of legitimizing our ministry with many of the larger, more conservative mainline churches whose support we need. Because we deal with the sort of people we do, are more informal, and don't have the traditional trappings of a church, we often have difficulty communicating with larger, mainline churches. The support and encouragement offered by WHSG-TV programming has the effect of making our needs and mission more familiar and acceptable to mainline churches, resulting in greater cooperation and support.
- 8. Finally, WHSG-TV programming helps my ministry and the people to whom it ministers--specifically the drug and alcohol addicted--in a very concrete way. Once WHSG-TV came on the air it

was the only television station that residents of the Safe House undergoing drug and alcohol treatment were permitted to watch. We believe that that WHSG-TV helps, and certainly does not hinder, the recovery process. To people who need constant positive reinforcement and encouragement, WHSG-TV programming is always positive, always encouraging, and always uplifting. The programming, such as the Praise the Lord Show and the Candi Staton-Sussewell show, offers constant reminders and provides many role models of people who have succeeded at the process they are undergoing. In addition, one of the main lessons we try to teach people undergoing addiction treatment is impulse control. Teaching our residents to control their impulses is made a great deal more difficult if our residents are watching commercials encouraging them to do exactly the opposite, and telling them that beerdrinking is fun and glamorous.

- 9. My family and I were regular watchers of WHSG-TV programming during the License Term, watching the station every night. During that time period there was one show that I thought was particularly helpful and encouraging to people suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. That show was The Candi Staton-Sussewell Show, which was broadcast on Monday or Friday afternoons at 12:00 p.m. during the License Term, and rebroadcast later at night. Mrs. Sussewell was particularly effective and moving in sharing her story about the ravages that drugs and alcohol caused in her life.
- 10. My son also watched WHSG-TV's children's programming on Saturday mornings. In fact, WHSG-TV programming was the only

programming that we allowed him to watch. The children's programming broadcast on other stations was, in our judgement, too violent for our children to watch. Our son was six at that time, and his particular favorite was The Davey and Goliath Show, broadcast at various times on Saturday morning, usually from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. The show was a Claymation show about Davey and his The show included bible stories and showed the dog, Goliath. children the geography and culture of the middle east. Its main focus, however, was on the children's behavior and emotions. show would give lessons about kindness, patience, overcoming fear, being a good friend, obeying your parents. The lessons in the program served as a catalyst for discussions with my son about the issue or behavior throughout the day. To my mind, the main benefit of the program was the discussions about these issues that it prompted with my son.

11. WHSG-TV provides the community with a program service that is nonviolent, positive, wholesome, and lacking any sexual content or innuendo. Families can watch it without fear that children will see something inappropriate for them. The station also gives needed publicity to ministries and organizations that would not otherwise have access to the media, to inform the public of the many organizations available to which they can turn for help. WHSG-TV programming provides hope to the residents of Safe House, especially those recovering from drug and alcohol addiction, by constantly encouraging them and providing them with role models of people who have suffered the same addiction and recovered.

# SUPPORTING DECLARATION

I, Philip Jerry Bray, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Georgia that the foregoing "Declaration of Philip Jerry Bray," consisting of five (5) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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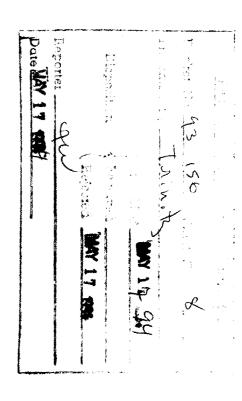
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through March 1, 1992. Indeed, I have continuously watched channel
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# DECLARATION OF JEANETTE L. BROWN

- 1. My name is Jeanette L. Brown. I am a children's evangelist with my husband W. Pendleton Brown at Mt. Paran Church of God, located at 1700 Allgood Road, Marietta, Georgia. I am also a homemaker and home school our children. I reside at 6941 Dickerson Road, Cumming, Georgia.
- 2. I have been a resident of the Atlanta area since March 1, 1990. I am submitting this Declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the contributions to the community's welfare made by WHSG-TV, channel 63, Monroe, Georgia during its last license term, from February 23, 1991 through the end of February, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as "the License Term").
- 3. Mt. Paran Church of God is a Christian congregation of roughly 1,000 families. My husband and I have been involved in family ministry for roughly eight years, and in a children/youth ministry since we joined the Mt. Paran Church in March, 1990. As a children's evangelist is it my job to teach our children about scripture and to teach the children the moral and spiritual lessons they need to be good Christians and good citizens in the most appealing and effective way that I can. My husband and I sing to children, making a new song about scripture every week. We also do skits utilizing biblical characters or other characters from life to try to teach the children the message we wish to convey. We also use clowns and costume characters in our ministry.



- 4. Since WHSG-TV came on in February, 1991 I was a regular viewer of the station. By regular viewer I mean that I watched some TBN programming every day, and my children and I always watched WHSG-TV's children's programming on Saturday. I was particularly interested in the children's programming because of my ministry at the church and also because I wanted to be sure that I approved of what my children were watching on the television. We have two boys, now aged 6 and 7, who were 3 and 4 years old during the WHSG-TV License Term. I made sure that I watched all TV programming that they watched, and after watching WHSG-TV's children's programming I became aware of how important the station's children's programming was to my children and to our family.
- 5. There were several programs that were favorites of my children and I which we watched every Saturday during the License Term. Our favorite shows were: The Gospel Bill Show; Superbook; and, Davey and Goliath. The Gospel Bill Show was a half hour program produced by the Willie George Ministry broadcast each Saturday morning between 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Based on my experience with children, both my own and those at the church to whom I minister, I would estimate that the show was designed to appeal to the preschool through third or fourth grade age group. My children, who were three and four at the time watched and enjoyed the show. Gospel Bill had a western theme and was based on the interaction of the various people in the town—the deputy, a storekeeper and so on. Ken Blount, a well—known country and

western singer, was the deputy, and most shows had a musical segment featuring one of his songs. Each show also included a segment called "At the Zoo" in which Gospel Bill taught the children about an animal which they might find at the zoo. Each show had a theme that taught a moral lesson based on scripture, such as the importance of telling the truth, of being a friend to those who are hurting, and to honor and obey your parents. These moral lessons reinforced the lessons which we were trying to teach our children in our home and at our church and met, I believe, a real need in the community. So many TV shows only give children no context for the behavior the child sees in a particular character, whereas The Gospel Bill show showed children, through skits, music and other media, not only the proper way to act or interact, but gave them the reason why. There was never any violence of any sort The show also taught a great deal about scripture, particularly about scripture memorization, but it also included, in every show, a lesson on some aspect of the child's world that was not specifically religious or moral in nature. For example, each show included a lesson about the animals a child would find in a zoo. Each show would also include segments about other topics as One show I recall watching with my children during the License Term included a discussion of why the Sheriff carried a qun, of why policemen and woman carried guns, and taught a lesson in gun safety--i.e., how children were never to handle guns in the house.

- 6. Also, there was a segment which told children about the effects of smoking. It discussed in drama about a cowboy being tempted to smoke because his friends said "you can't be a cowboy unless you smoke" it was shown that you do not have to smoke and that smoking is bad for you.
- 7. Davey and Goliath was also a favorite show of my This show was broadcast each Saturday morning between children. 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. during the License Term. The show was a claymation show which followed the adventures of a young boy, Davey, and his dog, Goliath. Again, based on my experience with my own children and the children at church I believe the show was designed to appeal to the preschool through third grade age group. Once again, each show taught children a moral lesson about honesty, forgiveness, love, not judging people by their appearance or the color of their skin. One program I remember seeing during the License Term that I watched with my children was about the importance of learning to love one another, and included a discussion about how the color of a person's skin didn't make any difference. Other shows emphasized the importance of being truthful with your parents and obeying them.
- 8. In addition to teaching children needed moral lessons and values, the show never included any violence directed toward other people, no one was ever struck on the show. The show also taught children lessons about the geography of the middle east, and about the cultural geography of the middle east, such as what people wore in biblical times, what they did for a living, and why. On one show

Davey explored a cave, and the show discussed safety issues. Because of the age group of the children that the show was designed to reach the lessons about history, geography and safety were pretty simple, so they could be absorbed by the children watching the show.

- 9. Another show I watched with my children was <u>Superbook</u>. <u>Superbook</u> was a cartoon show which taught bible stories in an imaginative way, such as the David and Goliath Story. In addition to the moral lessons which the scripture was meant to convey, almost every show included a segment which contrasted the children's experience with biblical times. For example, during one show which we watched during the License Term there was a discussion of the contrast between ancient and biblical methods of transportation. Similar comparisons between ancient and modern dress, or biblical dress and the dress of residents of the middle east in modern times. Once again, the show was aimed at the same age group as <u>Davey and Goliath</u>, roughly the preschool through third grade age group.
- 10. We didn't watch all of WHSG-TV's children's programming because other programs broadcast were clearly aimed at an older and more sophisticated viewing audience. But I never saw any children's programming broadcast on channel 63 every contain any violence of any kind directed toward other people. In fact, my husband and I had occasion to refer people to WHSG-TV's programming in our ministry during the License Term. When parents would come to us and complain of problems with their children, particularly

their children's behavior, I would often counsel parents to have their children watch WHSG-TV's children's programming one Saturday, and let them watch what they wanted on other channels the next week, and then compare the children's behavior after they watched the different programming. It was my experience, confirmed by several parents, that children are imitative. If they watch the movie "Home Alone," for example, afterward the children will play at tying each other up and inventing traps like they saw in the movie. These parents and I observed a difference in our children's behavior when they watched the non-violent and positive children's programming on WHSG-TV compared to other programming. The children's behavior is less violent and more cooperative when they watched programming on WHSG-TV which emphasized this sort of behavior.

11. I also regularly watched a number of shows that WHSG-TV carried during the License Term, particularly Praise the Lord, Joy, and The 700 Club. These shows particularly the Praise the Lord show were particularly responsive, in my mind, to the problems of the Atlanta area. For example, I remember a specific program broadcast on January 14, 1992 at 10:00 p.m. on which Paul Crouch interviewed Pastor Phil Aguilar of Set Free Ministries, which was a powerful show on the dangers and costs of alcohol and drug addiction. Pastor Aguilar explained his history, where his drug addiction led him to a life of crime in which he even beat children. He constantly emphasized that he felt he was without hope, yet there is hope for the addicted. He explained his own

ministry, and talked about other ministries and agencies from which the addicted could receive help. The main point he made, however, is that there is hope for the addicted, and there are ministries and agencies in the community from which you can receive such help.

In another <u>Praise the Lord</u> show I particularly recall was broadcast on February 3, 1992 at 10:00 p.m., and featured Larry Pereiro, a former narcotics officer, who talked about the between drugs and alcohol abuse and parenting. Most children who he encountered had poor relationships with their parents, or no relationships with their parents. He emphasized the importance of listening to children, of praising them and giving them encouragement so that they will have a good image of themselves. Finally, he emphasized the powerful role of the father in raising children, especially boys, and encouraged fathers to get more involved in raising their children, and in talking to their In these shows, and other PTL shows that I watched children. during the License Term the emphasis was on showing people that there were agencies and ministries in their communities to which they could turn for help with their problem, whether it was alcohol and drug abuse, problems with their families or educating their children. WHSG-TV provided a unique program service that was not duplicated by any other station broadcasting in the Atlanta market.

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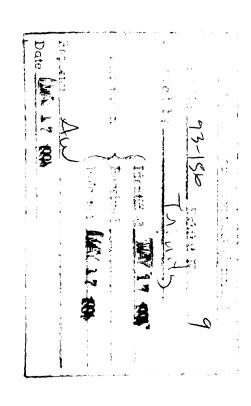
I, Jeanette L. Brown, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Georgia that the foregoing "Declaration of Jeanette L. Brown," consisting of seven (7) pages, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1994.

Jeanette L. Brown

#### DECLARATION OF JUDITH A. BURNS

- 1. My name is Judith A. Burns. I am a homemaker and home school teacher, and I reside at 3400 East Evans Mill Court, Lithonia, Georgia, 30058.
- 2. I have been a resident of the Atlanta area since January 1, 1982, and I am submitting this Declaration to provide the Federal Communications Commission with my testimony concerning the contributions that WHSG-TV made to my family's welfare and that of the community during its last license term, from February 23, 1991 through the end of February, 1992 (Hereinafter referred to as "the License Term").
- 3. Our family started watching WHSG-TV in early Spring 1991 when I discovered channel 63 while flipping through the UHF TV channels. I have been a regular watcher since then, watching the channel several nights a week, and other members of my family have also watched WHSG-TV, although not necessarily as regularly as me. When we began watching WHSG-TV programming my family was without a church. Watching the station's programming helped us through a very difficult time in my marriage and other family problems going on during this time.
- 4. WHSG-TV programming helped our family in another way. During the License Term I saw several programs on the <u>Praise the Lord Show</u>, and on <u>A Call To Action</u> which contained information about the legal rights of parents in regards to religious freedoms. This information was extremely valuable to us as parents and was the only source of such information.



- I have a son, Brian, who is now 14, who was 12 during the License Term. In October, 1991 he discovered a show on WHSG-TV that he particularly enjoyed watching called Real Videos. Real Videos\_ was broadcast on Saturday night (actually Sunday morning) from 1:00 to 1:30 a.m. until mid-February, 1992, when it was broadcast from 1:00 until 2:00 a.m. I occasionally watched the show with my son. The show was designed to appeal to teenagers (he was 12 at the time), and was hosted by Matt and Laurie Crouch. The mainstay of the show was music videos, but the show also featured travel to different locations for the program, such as Knott's Berry Farm, a rodeo, and other such locations. The program discussed the dress of the people at the various locations, and exposed the children to different lifestyles in different parts of the country. Since sports is a real interest to teenagers, the show also introduced the children to different sports. The hosts of the show would also spend some time discussing issues of interest in teenagers' lives such as how to resist peer pressure and how to live a wholesome life.
- 6. The show was very beneficial to my son. It gave him an introduction to an alternative kind of music that was not saturated with violent lyrics or sexual innuendo.